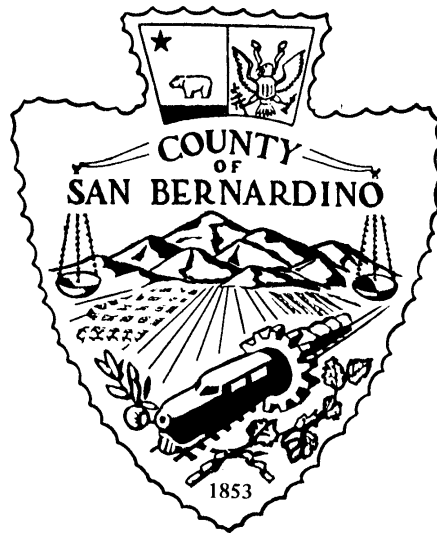


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WELCOME

Each year the County of San Bernardino receives grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), and the HOME Investment Partnership Act (HOME) programs. As part of the grant application, the county is required to submit a Consolidated Plan document that addresses the strategies and priority needs for using the three grant funds over a five-year period. The county adopted the current five-year Consolidated Plan in April 2000, for the fiscal years 2000-01 through 2004-05.

This document has been prepared as the fourth-year update to the current five-year Consolidated Plan. It reflects changes to the county's needs, priorities and grant funding levels. It includes the required third year Action Plan for the county's Consolidated Plan. Additional HUD-required supporting documents are included.

A Citizen Participation Plan approved by the county Board of Supervisors on February 25, 2003, has guided development of this document. It is contained in Appendix E of this document. Under the Citizen Participation Plan, the county advertised a request for project proposals to be considered for CDBG funding. Proposals for the CDBG program were accepted during the months of October, November and December 2002. Proposals found eligible according to HUD program regulations were forwarded to the appropriate cities for prioritization during the month of February 2003. Eligible unincorporated area proposals were reviewed in consultation with the affected Supervisorial District offices.

The Board of Supervisors also approved the county's 2000-2005 Needs Identification Report on February 25, 2003. This report is contained in Appendix B and presents a summary of Housing and Non-Housing Development Needs for 2000-2005 as expressed by individuals, public and private organizations and social service providers. It has served as a basis for establishing priority needs and funding decisions.

Hearing notices were published in newspapers throughout the county. The proposed fourth-year update to the Consolidated Plan was scheduled for presentation to the Board of Supervisors on April 1, 2003. At this hearing public testimony was received. The Board of Supervisors approved the revised proposed Consolidated Plan on April 15, 2003 and directed staff to prepare the final 2003-04 Consolidated Plan for submittal to HUD.

A 30-day public review period occurred in May 2003 and the public comments received are summarized in Section V of this document. Priority needs, funding, project and geographic data have been entered into HUD-supplied Community 2020 software. Resulting Community 2020 Reports are inserted into the Final Consolidated Plan document. The final Consolidated Plan was submitted to HUD on May 30, 2003.

